



Exclusionary Criteria & Definitions:

1. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **physical abuse** of a child
 - (i) under the age of six involving an injury to the head or torso; or
 - (ii) with a disability; or
 - (iii) which resulted in serious bodily injury to a child as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-109(20); or
 - (iv) is likely to cause death or severe injury to a child;
2. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **domestic violence** involving a Caretaker and the alleged perpetrator has access to the child or Caretaker;
3. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **sexual assault** of a child as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-319.01, 28-320.01;
4. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **sex trafficking** of a minor as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-830(14), 28-831(3);
5. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **sexual exploitation** of a child as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-707(d);
6. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **neglect of a child resulting in serious bodily injury** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-109(20);
7. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes allegations which require Child Advocacy Center, Law Enforcement, and Department **coordination** (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-728(3)(d)(iii));
8. A Household member allegedly caused the **death of a child**;
9. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a **newborn whose urine or meconium has tested positive for alcohol** and whose Caretaker
 - (i) has an alcohol addiction; or
 - (ii) previously delivered a drug-exposed infant and did not successfully complete drug treatment; or
 - (iii) did not prepare for the newborn's birth; or
 - (iv) currently uses controlled substances as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-401 or alcohol AND breastfeeds or expresses intent to breastfeed; or
 - (v) has no in-home support system or alternative primary care arrangements;
10. Intake Accepted for Assessment alleges a Household Member uses or manufactures **methamphetamine or other controlled substances** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401, 28-405;
11. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a **pregnant woman who has tested positive for methamphetamine or other controlled substance** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401, 28-405;
12. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a **child who has had contact with methamphetamine or other controlled substance** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401, 28-405, including a positive meconium or hair follicle screen or test;
13. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a child who resides with a Household Member whose **parental rights have been terminated or relinquished** during a court-involved case;

14. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child who resides with
 - (i) the subject of an active **Traditional Response**; or
 - (ii) an individual or family that is **receiving services** through the DCFS Protection and Safety section; or
 - (iii) an individual or family who is involved in a **juvenile court petition** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43- 247(3)(a);
15. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of child abuse or neglect has occurred in an **out-of-home setting**;
16. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a Household Member has a prior **court substantiated** report of child abuse or neglect OR is a **sex offender**;
17. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where a Household Member appears on the **central registry** of child protection cases under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-720;
18. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a child under the age of two or at least two children under the age of five reside(s) with a Household Member where the **current maltreatment concerns are the same as prior maltreatment concerns** included in an Intake Accepted for Assessment;
19. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of a child whose **Caretaker's identity or whereabouts are unknown**;
20. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where law enforcement has **cited** a Caretaker for the child abuse or neglect alleged in the Intake Accepted for Assessment; and,
21. Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where the Department is made aware by law enforcement of an **ongoing law enforcement investigation** involving a Household Member.
22. A safety concern is otherwise identified which requires Department intervention within **24 hours**.

RED Team Criteria & Definitions:

- 1) Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where a caretaker has a **significant mental health diagnosis** AND the reporting party is a physician, mental health or other health care provider;
- 2) Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where a caretaker **exhibits symptoms related to significant mental illness** including but not limited to psychotic behaviors, delusional behaviors and danger to self or others;
- 3) Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation where a caretaker is identified as a **current or former state ward**;
- 4) The family has had another **Intake Accepted for Assessment within the past six months** AND includes two or more children under the age of five or one child under the age of two;
- 5) The family currently receives an **Alternative Response**;
- 6) Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of child abuse or neglect AND **alcohol or other mood altering substance** use by a Household Member AND there are two or more children under the age of five or one child under the age of two;
- 7) Intake Accepted for Assessment includes an allegation of **physical abuse** that does not rise to the level of physical abuse identified in the Exclusionary Criteria.
- 8) A Household Member or alternate Caregiver noted on the Intake Accepted for Assessment has a **history of using or manufacturing methamphetamine or other controlled substances** as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 28-401, 28-405.